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Proposed claim revisions and discussion points for interview on 3/20/02 at 2:00pm EST, regarding App. No. 09/071,046.

Look forward to speaking with you then.

Regards,

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*Important aspect device can go from success encoding methods
claims focused only on encoding methods
and to clarify multiple source aspects*

Discussion Points:

- Scope of prior art – U.S. Patent No. 5,729,549 (Kostreski et al.) and U.S. Patent No. 5,946,045 (Ozkan et al.).
- How the proposed limitations to the claims are not found in the prior art.

Proposed Amendment to MCG00215 (App. No. 09/071/046) Claims:

In the Claims

1. (Twice Amended) A system for distributing audio content of a digital audio signal to a analog wireline device, comprising:

an audio input interface receiving the digital audio signal from a plurality of sources and identifying an audio bitstream, wherein the audio bitstream comprises audio data based on a plurality of encoding methods corresponding to the plurality of sources;

an audio decoding unit connected to the audio input interface and decoding the audio bitstream;

an audio digital to analog converter connected to the audio decoding unit and converting the audio bitstream to an analog audio signal; and

an audio output interface connected to the audio digital to analog converter and distributing the analog audio signal to the analog wireline device.

9. (Twice Amended) A system for distributing video content of a digital video signal to a analog wireline device, comprising:

a video input interface receiving the digital video signal from a plurality of sources and identifying a video bitstream, wherein the video bitstream comprises video data based on a plurality of encoding methods corresponding to the plurality of sources;

a video decoding unit connected to the video input interface and decoding the video bitstream;

a video digital to analog converter connected to the video decoding unit and converting the video bitstream to an analog video signal; and

a video output interface connected to the video digital to analog converter and distributing the analog video signal to the analog wireline device.

16. (Twice Amended) A system for distributing audio and video content of a digital audio signal and a digital video signal to an analog wireline device, comprising:

an audio input interface receiving the digital audio signal from a plurality of sources and identifying an audio bitstream, wherein the audio bitstream comprises audio data based on a plurality of encoding methods corresponding to the plurality of sources;

an audio decoding unit connected to the audio input interface and decoding the audio bitstream;

an audio digital to analog converter connected to the audio decoding unit and converting the audio bitstream to an analog audio signal;

an audio output interface connected to the audio digital to analog converter and distributing the analog audio signal to the analog wireline device;

a video input interface receiving the digital video signal from the plurality of sources and identifying a video bitstream, wherein the video bitstream comprises video data based on a plurality of encoding methods corresponding to the plurality of sources;

a video decoding unit connected to the video input interface and decoding the video bitstream;

a video digital to analog converter connected to the video decoding unit and converting the video bitstream to an analog video signal;

a video output interface connected to the video digital to analog converter and distributing the analog video signal to the television; and

a synchronization unit connected to the audio output interface and the video output interface and synchronizing the analog audio signal and the analog video signal.

21. (Twice Amended) A method for distributing audio content of a digital audio signal to an analog wireline device, comprising the steps of:

receiving the digital audio signal from a plurality of sources and identifying an audio bitstream, wherein the audio bitstream comprises audio data based on a plurality of encoding methods corresponding to the plurality of sources;

decoding the audio bitstream;
converting the audio bitstream to an analog audio signal; and
distributing the analog audio signal to the analog wireline device.

25. (Twice Amended) A method for distributing video content of a digital video signal to an analog wireline device, comprising the steps of:

receiving the digital video signal from a plurality of sources and identifying a video bitstream, wherein the video bitstream comprises video data based on a plurality of encoding methods corresponding to the plurality of sources;

decoding the video bitstream;

converting the video bitstream to an analog video signal; and

distributing the analog video signal to the analog wireline device.

29. (Twice Amended) A method for distributing audio and video content of a digital audio signal and a digital video signal to an analog wireline device, comprising the steps of:

receiving the digital audio signal from a plurality of sources and identifying an audio bitstream, wherein the audio bitstream comprises audio data based on a plurality of encoding methods corresponding to the plurality of sources;

decoding the audio bitstream;

converting the audio bitstream to an analog audio signal;

receiving the digital video signal from a plurality of sources and identifying a video bitstream, wherein the video bitstream comprises video data based on a plurality of encoding methods corresponding to the plurality of sources;

decoding the video bitstream;

converting the video bitstream to an analog video signal; and

distributing the analog audio signal and the analog video signal to the analog wireline device.